

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-156 (canceled).

Claims 157-191 (canceled).

Claim 192 (new): A method of communicating information, from a calling party using a telephone connected to a telephone network that automatically provides caller identification information, to a called party having a portable communication device that is pageable by a paging network in communication with a telephone answering apparatus, such telephone answering apparatus in communication with the telephone network, the method comprising:

receiving at the telephone answering apparatus caller identification information, pertinent to the telephone of the calling party, provided automatically by the telephone network;

transmitting the caller identification information from the telephone answering device to the paging network; and

transmitting the caller identification information from the paging network to the portable communication device.

Claim 193 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the telephone answering apparatus is connected to the paging network and the caller identification information is transmitted from the telephone answering apparatus to the paging network over a direct connection.

Claim 194 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information comprises numeric data.

Claim 195 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information comprises alphanumeric data.

Claim 196 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information is provided as FSK data.

Claim 197 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information is provided from an ISDN connection.

Claim 198 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
obtaining verification from the calling party prior to transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network.

Claim 199 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
obtaining optional data from the calling party prior to transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network;
transmitting the optional data from the telephone answering device to the paging network; and
transmitting the optional data from the paging network to the portable communication device.

Claim 200 (new): The method of claim 199, wherein the optional data comprises at least one of a voice, video, image or textual message.

Claim 201 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
compressing the optional data prior to transmission of the optional data to the portable communication device.

Claim 202 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
encrypting the optional data prior to transmission of the optional data to the portable communication device.

Claim 203 (new): The method of claim 199, wherein the optional data is comprised of a voice or video message which is transmitted to the portable communication device with the caller identification information.

Claim 204 (new): The method of claim 203, wherein the optional data is compressed prior to transmission to the portable communication device.

Claim 205 (new): The method of claim 203, wherein the optional data is encrypted prior to transmission to the portable communication device.

Claim 206 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in contiguous memory locations in the portable communication device.

Claim 207 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in associated non-contiguous memory locations in the portable communication device.

Claim 208 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
comparing the received caller identification information with information stored in an associated memory to the telephone answering apparatus; and
selectively transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network as a result of the comparison.

Claim 209 (new): The method of claim 208, wherein the caller identification information is transmitted to the paging network only if the received caller identification information matches an entry in the associated memory.

Claim 210 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
at the portable communication device, annunciating the caller identification information.

Claim 211 (new): The method of claim 210, further comprising:
simultaneously displaying the caller identification data on a display of the portable communication device.

Claim 212 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information within the portable communication device; and
initiating a new connection over the telephone network by transmitting the stored caller identification data to the telephone network.

Claim 213 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information within the portable communication device; and
initiating a new connection over a cellular telephone network by transmitting the stored caller identification data to the cellular telephone network.

Claim 214 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the telephone network is a cellular communication network and the portable communication device comprises a combined cellular telephone device and pager device.

Claim 215 (new): The method of claim 214, wherein the paging network transmits the caller identification information to the portable communication device utilizing the cellular communication network.

Claim 216 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
indicating to the called party that a message has been received;

accepting a password entered by the called party into the portable communication device; and

providing voice signals representative of the caller identification data to the called party only upon entry of a valid password.

Claim 217 (new): The method of claim 192, wherein the portable communication device comprises a portable computing device having radio communications capabilities.

Claim 218 (new): The method of claim 217, wherein the portable computing device comprises a personal digital assistant.

Claim 219 (new): The method of claim 217, wherein the portable computing device has two-way radio communications capabilities.

Claim 220 (new): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
applying the caller identification information to a voice synthesizer unit to generate voice signals representative of the caller identification information at the portable communication device.

Claim 221 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in contiguous memory locations by the telephone answering apparatus.

Claim 222 (new): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in associated non-contiguous memory locations by the telephone answering apparatus.